**Middle Level Irrigation Scheme in Uttaranchal**

4788. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide adequate financial aid to Uttaranchal Government for middle level irrigation scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction the said project at the earliest by providing hundred per cent aid for Indira Lift Scheme; and

(c) if so, by when this scheme will be materialized ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Central Government is providing financial assistance in the form of Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to all the State Governments for Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes being implemented by the respective State Governments Rs. 35.00 crore was allocated by Planning Commission for Uttaranchal State during the year 2002-2003 for this prupose. However, due to non-availability of any proposal/demand from Uttaranchal State, no financial assistance could be provided to the State during the 2002-2003.

(b) No such scheme in the name of "Indira Lift Scheme" is pending in CWC for clearance/sanction by MOWR.

(c) Does not arise.

**Completion of Irrigation Projects in Orissa**

4789. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects in Orissa targeted for completion during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress of these projects;

(c) whether all those targeted projects have been completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (d) The details of ongoing major/medium irrigation projects of Orissa identified by the Ministry of Water Resources for completion during IX plan are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). The main reasons for delay in completion of these irrigation projects are paucity of funds and delay in land acquisition.